



PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1745**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Satoshi AOYAMA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1745

Application No.: 10/826,367

Examiner: E. WANG

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Docket No.: 119491

For: DRIVE CONTROL OF POWER SYSTEM INCLUDING FUEL CELLS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the September 27, 2007 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-29 are pending in this application. The Office Action rejects claims 1-7 and 10-13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0056440 A1 to Aoyama et al. (hereinafter "Aoyama"); rejects claims 8, 9, 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Aoyama; rejects claims 17-28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Aoyama in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0016276 A1 to Yamanashi; rejects claims 14-16 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Aoyama in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,063,515 to Epp et al. (hereinafter "Epp"). The rejections are respectfully traversed.

Aoyama fails to disclose a power system comprising the combination of all of the structural features positively recited in claim 1, including a stop signal input module that